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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
17272

In Re Application Of: Tsutomu Okada

Application No. 10/718,189	Filing Date November 20, 2003	Examiner Peter J. Vrettakos	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 9810
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Invention: DIATHERMIC CUTTER

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 10/10/2006 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: 1/10/2007 until: 2/10/2007

Date

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	32 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$120.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$120.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of _____ for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP in the amount of \$120.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

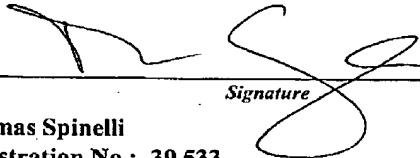
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP .

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